

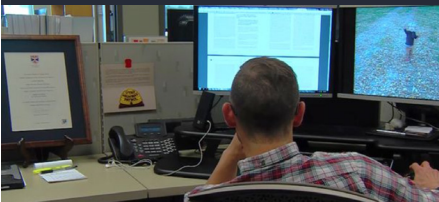
Our mission is working together as ONE DPS to provide a safe and secure Utah.

Keith D. Squires
Commissioner



Utah Department of Public Safety

DPS in the News



Following the terror attack in Orlando, Major Brian Redd spoke with KSL about DPS' Statewide Information and Analysis Center, which is one of 78 fusion centers in the United States. [Click here to watch the news story about the fusion centers.](#)



With AAA predicting the 4th of July would have the highest travel volume on record, the Utah Highway Patrol wanted to remind drivers to travel safely. Colonel Rapich was joined by Rolayne Fairclough of AAA of Utah at a news conference in front of the Calvin Rampton Building. [Click here to read a Salt Lake Tribune story about the event.](#)

Transition at the Top



Colonel Michael Rapich, retired Colonel Danny Fuhr and Commissioner Keith Squires

On June 20th, Colonel Danny Fuhr announced his retirement and Commissioner Squires appointed Major Michael Rapich as the new Superintendent of the Utah Highway Patrol.

Colonel Fuhr lead the UHP for seven and a half years. In that time, he worked tirelessly to ensure troopers were well prepared to go to work each day and to make it home safely.

Colonel Rapich brings 24 years of law enforcement experience to his position, including more than 17 years in a supervisory capacity. Rapich recently completed his Masters in Public Administration degree from Brigham Young University.

In an email to the UHP, Colonel Rapich shared the following message:

"I want to share with every member of the UHP family how proud and

humbled I am to assume this new role, and the opportunity to continue to work with the greatest men and women in the state of Utah, and the nation. I am honored to serve as Colonel of the Utah Highway Patrol, to Commissioner Keith Squires. I look forward to the future of this great organization with enthusiasm and excitement of what lies in store, and grateful for the opportunity to work for the Utah Highway Patrol and Department of Public Safety."

Colonel Rapich has progressed up through the ranks of the Patrol, and has been stationed throughout Utah, including rural and urban communities.

He comes from a family line of patrol men. His father dedicated 32 years to the Highway Patrol before retiring as a Captain.



Local, Regional and National Assistance from SIAC

DPS's Statewide Information and Analysis Center (SIAC) continues to help local, regional and national agencies address public safety issues.

On the local front, as part of its work over the last year to identify violent gang offenders, SIAC recently provided Ogden PD with an intelligence packet on a violent offender with an active warrant for his arrest. The intel packet contained gang, crime and family links, residence history, officer safety assessments, tactics, techniques and procedures and other pertinent patterns of behavior. The SIAC believed this individual to be a threat to public safety based on his history. Just two weeks after the information was delivered, the individual was involved in a gang shooting. The intel packet will assist in the apprehension and possibly the interrogation of the individual involved.

The SIAC released an Intelligence Bulletin outlining

the Honduran Drug Trafficking Organization activity in Salt Lake City that has been gaining heightened attention by many outside agencies. SIAC's bulletin was recently highlighted in the monthly Rocky Mountain Information Network bulletin, increasing the reach of the information to other states. US Border Patrol - Tucson Office contacted SIAC regarding the information released. They have collaborated and identified additional information related to the individuals associated with the drug and human trafficking network in the area. As a result of SIAC's valuable intelligence bulletin, there is a continued, increased awareness of all organizations involved and an expanding focus of multiple investigators related to the Honduran networks throughout the US and into Mexico.

Safety Fair Success

Following the success of last year's safety fair for employees, Commissioner Squires wanted to open up this year's safety fair to the entire community. On June 23rd, DPS and UDOT welcomed employees and community members to an interactive and educational event: the BEE Prepared, BEE Safe, BEE Aware Public Safety Fair. The fair featured an opening ceremony, more than 25 booths including a VIP

dunk tank, helicopter landing and static display, K9 demonstrations and food trucks. Over 700 people completed the pledge to buckle up, never text while driving and drive sober. DPS hopes to increase community awareness of and attendance at the event and continue to provide valuable information to both employees and the surrounding community.



Clockwise from top left: POST's Major Stephenson awaits his fate at the dunk tank; McGruff and the Be Ready Bee strike a pose in front of the DPS helicopter, which brought them to the fair; crime lab employees help make fingerprint cards; many thanks to all of the fair's generous sponsors; K9 Rocco closes in on Trooper Colvin as part of a K9 demonstration





In Brief: Info & Images



Commissioner Squires hosted the 2nd annual Ride with the Commissioner in beautiful Morgan County. Employees and their family members joined the Commissioner for a bike ride, a safety briefing and a hearty breakfast.

7000+

BRADY BACKGROUND CHECKS
completed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification in May, the highest number completed in the month of May to date.

28

MISSIONS FLOWN BY THE DPS HELICOPTER
in June. Mission breakdown: 18 search and rescue, 5 law enforcement support and 5 administrative.

33%

PARTICIPATION RATE FOR THE GREAT SHAKE OUT IN UTAH
With over 1 million participants, Utah became the state with the highest per capita participation rate in the nation.



UHP Motor Squad joined Davis County Sheriff's Office Motor Squad on the flight line at Hill Air Force Base in front of the USAF Thunderbirds at the Warriors Over Wasatch Air Show.

UHP helped with traffic control for Orbital ATK's motor test at the end of June

